clearances, including, *inter-alia*, the municipal clearances, the environmental clearances and other regulatory legislations, primarily vest in the State Governments, yet the Central Government has been emphasizing the importance of simplified methodology of clearance like the Single Window Clearance system for the establishment of micro, small and medium enterprises.

(e) A new class of manufacturing medium enterprises with investment in plant and machinery between Rs. 5 crore and Rs. 10 crore has been notified as per sub-section (1) of section 7 of MSMED Act, 2006.

Recommendation of Kelkar Committee

4116. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Kelkar Committee which has recommended that a scheme should be proposed by the Commissioner of Small Scale Industries in collaboration with the Department of Defence Production, to increase awareness among SM and provide institutional support in matter such as tendering and contracting for defence supplies;

(b) whether the Ministries of Defence and Small Scale Industry are working on a proposal that would allow small and medium enterprises to become defence equipment manufacturers; and

(c) if so, by what time final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Task Force constituted on (a) above is likely to submit its recommendations within six months.